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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/611,808 Confirmation No.: 5053  
Applicant : Jean-Louis GUERET  
Filed : July 2, 2003  
Title : A PACKAGING AND APPLICATOR DEVICE INCLUDING A  
COUPLING MEMBER ENABLING TWO RECEPTACLES TO BE  
UNITED  
TC/Art Unit : 3751  
Examiner: : David J. Walczak  
  
Docket No. : 62751.000012  
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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT MAILED NOVEMBER 8, 2004**

Sir,

Responsive to the non-final office action mailed November 8, 2004, please consider the following response to restriction requirement and election. This response is being filed on December 8, 2004. Accordingly, Applicant submits that this response is filed within the shortened statutory time period provided for reply without payment of extension of time fees. Accordingly, it is believed that no fees are required with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

**Restriction Requirement**

The restriction requirement restricts the claimed subject matter of claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 121, between one of the following species:

<b>Species I:</b>	Figure 4,
<b>Species II:</b>	Figure 5,
<b>Species III:</b>	Figure 7,
<b>Species IV:</b>	Figures 8 and 9,
<b>Species V:</b>	Figure 10,
<b>Species VI:</b>	Figure 11,
<b>Species VII:</b>	Figure 12,
<b>Species VIII:</b>	Figure 13,
<b>Species IX:</b>	Figure 16.

Applicant notes that the Office Action did not indicate a species corresponding to Figure 2. However, Applicant believes there is a species corresponding to Figure 2 and claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 15-18, 20-23, 25, 26, 28, 29, and 31, and Applicant would like to elect this species. If the Examiner objects to this election, Applicant hereby elects in the alternative Species II, corresponding to claims 1-3, 5-8, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, and 31. Applicant's election is without traverse.

**CONCLUSION**

An indication of allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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